

Minutes of the Fort LeBoeuf Historical Society General Meeting

January 26, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President, Judy Nelson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by members in attendance.

Rita Russell read the minutes of the November 2016 meeting. They were approved as read.

Marsha presented the Judson House report. She indicated that it is being cleaned up from Colonial Christmas.

Kathy Williams presented the treasurer's report for December. We currently have a balance of \$40,469.52 in our regular account and \$40,805.70 in out reserved savings. It was placed for audit.

There was no Museum report.

Eagle Report-Kathy indicated that LeBoeuf Industries has been working on the heat. There is now some heat on the second floor. We have a quote to repair the floor in the prep room in the kitchen. It is \$1475. A motion was made by Ken and seconded by Marilyn and carried that that it be repaired. There are problems with the bathroom on the second floor. Ken will check on this. The toilets on the first floor have been repaired. The closer on the door going to the fire escape either needs to be adjusted or replaced. The downspout on the rear of the Eagle needs to be replaced.

Colonial Christmas-It worked really well with having a committee from town this year. We are looking at changing the date to the weekend prior to Thanksgiving for 2017. We did make a profit this year. The Gift Shop at the Eagle was very profitable.

Kathy Williams reported on the teaching gardens at George Washington Park. They would like it to be a certified pollinator garden. She is

looking to have a water feature. We will have a separate water line installed so that we do not interfere with the restaurant. She will be applying for grants.

Ed Pfadt was installed as the Parliamentarian.

Rita Russell will be taking over as the Membership Chairperson.

We received an estimate to clean the carpets and the floors at the Eagle, including the 2nd floor and the stairways going to the 3rd floor, for \$613.35. They will apply 3 coats of polyurethane for \$444. They will clean the foyer and the parlor at the Judson House for \$315. Mike is going to split the cost of the work at the Eagle. Because the amount is under \$1,000 it is not necessary to take a vote.

We found water in the storage closet in the 3rd floor at the Eagle where we store the Christmas items. James Restoration came and looked at it, and will be back to check it out.

We need to get the wallpaper at the entrance of the 3rd floor repaired.

The bases of the wooden light poles outside the Eagle need to have some sort of protection placed around them to prevent damage when weed-wacking. We will look at having metal placed around them.

Judson House-The gutter we had installed seems to be working. Ron Messenger is going to give us a quote to fix the foundation at the rear of the building. The ramp and steps at the rear of the building need repainted. The kitchen needs repainted and the Teapot Shop will be set up by JoAnne Weary. The upstairs hallway floor needs repainted. We are looking into getting rid of the avocado stove and replacing with a white one and getting rid of the faux-brick wall. We are also going to get a quote on installing a handrail like the one at the Eagle on the steps that go from the sidewalk down to the road. Once we get a cost we will bring for a vote.

The board voted to discontinue the Boofest and the October Ghost Walks due to lack of attendance. We will continue the Ghost Walks during Waterford Days.

We will continue with Waterford Days and Colonial Christmas and the Witches Tea which have all been very profitable.

New events that have been suggested are:

Various tea's at the Judson House-Mommy and Me Tea, Maypole Tea, Prim and Proper Tea, and an Herbal Teaching Tea.

Pierogi dinner at the American Legion-JoAnne wants to head this. We would also take orders for pierogi's. JoAnne was thinking possibly in April.

An Amazing Historical Race in conjunction with Corry Historical Society and Union City Historical Society.

Christmas House Tours-JoAnne will head this.

Jim is looking at having a small Indian village behind the Museum to be another educational tool. It would be taken down at the end of the season.

Ed Pfadt has agreed to be the grant seeker. He will find out what grants are available and bring the info to the Board.

The Our Town meeting for WQLN TV was held on January 18th. They will be doing the filming at the Museum. If you have a story and did not get a packet contact the Library. The story will be aired on April 9th and they will need people to answer the phone at the station.

If we have an event that we want advertised on placements free of charge we need to have it to Voisin at least three months in advance in order for him to sell the ads.

Judy, Heidi and Jim went to the Corry Museum to look at their scanning system. It is going to be a massive undertaking. But like all things, we need to start with step 1. That will be getting all of our accessions in order. Anyone willing to help please let Judy or Heidi Longstreet know.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ken and seconded by Heidi. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Russell

Secretary